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"Grand Council"
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LORD Osmore's letter to the Civic Association throws a little more light on the colonial "Grand Council" idea which he presented in the House of Commons two months ago—at the time but sketchily reported by the news agencies—and by placing his proposal in the context of the Labour Party's policy it is possible now to discern the outline of his plans.

Broadly he envisages the creation of a "Grand Council" of the Colonies—a federal body for the United Kingdom and all the colonial territories which desire to join it. The council would control defence, foreign affairs, foreign services and common economic matters. More particularly the Council is designed to meet the needs of at least 25 colonial territories which, in the words of Lord Osmore, "will not be able to stand on their own feet" because of the lack of economic resources, or "multi-racial" problems.

As Hongkong obviously will never become independent it would presumably be eligible for membership of the "Grand Council" if ever it was formed. Still unanswered, however, is the question whether the Council is intended to be advisory or executive. There are apparent constitutional difficulties in the way of both. An advisory council offers itself as a more practicable alternative but, since Parliament is the ultimate authority that has the power to accept or reject, it is less attractive than an executive council.

It seems quite pointless giving the Colonies a voice in the administration of their own affairs unless there is a reasonable hope that their voices will be heard and their recommendations and views accepted, or at least seriously considered. Equally it is pointless establishing any body resembling a Parliament of the Colonies; colonies, unlike Parliamentary constituencies require special and detailed attention.

Broad policy for defence, foreign affairs and economic questions could however be discussed at an annual conference of colonial representatives in London on the same lines as a Commonwealth Premiers' conference, and to help make it more effective it could also be attended by groups representing the two main political parties in colonial affairs. But special problems should be left to discussions between the British government and individual representatives of the colonies.

4-POWER TALKS PREPARATIONS

Eden's Disclosures: No Quick Results Warning FAITH IN DIPLOMACY AND STATESMANSHIP

London, Mar. 31.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, said at Newcastle today that the Western powers were already in discussion about "how the next round of negotiations with Russia is to be set in train."

He told a Conservative Party meeting: "We are making ready for such discussions (with Russia) now. We have already begun to discuss with our allies how this next round of negotiations is to be set in train. I expect there will shortly be meetings between us to consider how we can now go ahead."

"These meetings may well be held among our officials in the first stages, but I would hope that the foreign secretaries will also be discussing these plans before long. This could open up the way for talks with the Russians."

Sir Anthony Eden warned that "in this instance, it is no good expecting quick results."

He added: "The leaders of Soviet Russia though they may change, believe themselves to be destined to hasten the collapse of our free civilisation. They are dedicated to the spread of their own kind of totalitarian authority over the whole world. They dispose of vast resources and they believe in their creed."

"They piled up their armaments after the war when the West was disarming. They have clamped down treaties on their neighbours to whom they allow no freedom of choice, while they have made every effort to prevent the West from uniting."

Sir Anthony Eden said that he gave this warning not to make for despair, but to warn against "the complacency of the quick and easy solutions which are advocated from time to time. We have to negotiate firmly and warily, but with a will to arrive."

Referring to the month-old disarmament conference here, Sir Anthony Eden said Russia had accepted the aims set out in the Anglo-French plan. But had "frustrated our efforts to translate them into practical terms. We all say 'ban the bomb'."

"But we and our Western allies also say that armies and armaments must be reduced to a point at which no country can threaten its neighbour. That is real disarmament."

CHARACTERISTIC
Sir Anthony Eden said it was characteristic of the Soviet attitude "that while they tell the whole world outside Russia that the hydrogen bomb means destruction for everybody, they tell their own people precisely the contrary."

"Mr. Molotov says it will only destroy the capitalist world. Why? It is because the Soviets do not want their people to know the real danger and how reasonable our proposals are."

Sir Anthony Eden said that in comparison to the destruction that a nuclear war would bring about, "the radiation released by test explosions, which are from time to time set off," is negligible.

"The extent by which radiation has been increased by all the explosions up to date is a minute fraction of what our scientists advise might be dangerous."

The Foreign Secretary said there was constant exchange of information about these tests and their effects between British, Canadian and American scientists, and these would continue.

"We shall extend our research still further. Our scientists will not be handicapped by unreasonable financial restriction."

RIGHT TO KNOW
He said that the British government recognised that the public had a right to "the most reliable and accurate information" on this question and would see that the public had this information.

Sir Anthony Eden said that "the awful and terrifying aspects of the hydrogen bomb" might prove to be an effective deterrent against war.

The time when war was the business of professional armies was past.

Henceforth... far from the scene of explosion, a destructive fallout will cover soldier and civilian leaders and people alike.

But he urged the younger generation not to "base their lives on a policy of living for today, because tomorrow we die..." "Despite all difficulties, I do believe that perseverance and statesmanship may yet find means to control this terrible power which man's own ingenuity has called forth."

He said Britain would like the benefits of atomic energy applied for peaceful purposes to be shared by others, particularly the countries whose existing sources of power cannot meet their need.

For this reason, Britain had welcomed and sponsored President Eisenhower's plan for an international agency to develop the civil uses of atomic energy in such countries.

ACHIEVEMENTS
Reviewing the international scene since he addressed the United Nations General Assembly three and a half years ago, shortly after the Conservative came to power, Sir Anthony Eden referred to Korea, Indo-China, Persia, Egypt and Trieste as instances of how diplomacy had been working.

He said that in Korea, "the United States paid more in lives and money than any other ally."

We should all acknowledge this even when we recall with pride the gallantry of our own forces."

He said that if the agreement reached at Geneva on Indo-China had not come about, "the consequences for the anti-Communist forces would have been disastrous. That is true, even though it is also true that the dangers are still great."

These achievements, and the settlement of the oil dispute with Persia, the Suez Canal Base issue with Egypt, and the problem of Trieste, required infinite patience to settle.

"And while they remained unsettled, they were harmful and dangerous."

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Union Jack Marking On Jap Shirts

Manchester, Mar. 31.
Reports that shirts made from Japanese cloth are being sold in the United States with the Union Jack as trade mark have been recovered by textile firms here.

A Manchester merchant, who has a specialised trade in shirt materials, has received a letter from his New York agent describing the shirts and saying they were underfoot in United Kingdom manufactures in the market.

A spokesman of Manchester Chamber of Commerce said today that there was an international convention for the protection of national emblems, but Britain had not taken advantage of this.—Reuter.

TUESDAY WILL BE HISTORIC DAY

London, Mar. 31.

The political correspondent of the Daily Express writes: Sir Winston Churchill will resign as Prime Minister next week whether or not the newspaper strike has ended. And the betting at Westminster is Tuesday will be resignation day. The Prime Minister was outraged this morning when stories appeared in the provincial press saying the newspaper strike would delay his resignation. He is reported to have said to aides: "I have never been so insulted in my life."

On Monday night Sir Winston entertained the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to dinner at No. 10 Downing Street. Mr. Eden is expected to resign the next day, but some think this may be delayed until Wednesday.

But whenever it is Sir Anthony Eden will follow hard on his heels to receive the Queen's commission to form a government. For when the Prime Minister resigns the whole government resigns.

It is not expected Sir Anthony Eden will make many changes in the government when he takes over.

VERY SPECIAL DAY
Already it is clear Tuesday is going to be a very special day in the history of the Commons. It may be it will only be Sir Winston Churchill's last appearance as Prime Minister, but already it is virtually impossible to get a seat in any of the galleries to watch the Commons proceedings.

Bookings are said to come from official sources. So there is speculation—will Sir Winston announce his own resignation from the government front bench speaking only as a Privy Councillor?

Sir Anthony Eden's first job will be to fix a general election date. There is little argument now among Tory MPs this will be May 26. Sir Anthony's programme is also fairly clear. He is due to meet Mr. Foster-Dunlop and Mr. Faure at Paris at the end of May during the meeting of the NATO Council. There the Tories will decide when to approach Russia, and Eden's election programme will be that he's the best man to get top level talks with the Russians.—London Express Service.

The Formosa Straits Question

War Or Peace Still In The Balance

Washington, Mar. 31.

The Democratic Senate leader, Mr. Lyndon Johnson, said today after a foreign policy briefing by President Eisenhower that the question of war or peace in the Formosa area is still unsettled.

He made this statement to reporters after he and other Democrat and Republican leaders from the Senate had been given a thorough briefing on the international situation.

Mr. Johnson said the situation concerning the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu had been discussed. There were no policy decisions made, he said, "therefore, what we would do and the question of war or peace in that area is still unsettled."

"We asked for no commitments and we made none."

The Democrat leader said he regarded the White House conference as "fruitful" and he was glad the President had taken the Democrat party chiefs, as well as the Republican

chiefs, into his confidence; to the extent he had.

NO COMMENT
Senator Johnson made no comment when asked if on the basis of the conference he thought there was any immediate danger of war.

To other questions, he said he was not informed as to whether any decision had been made by the President concerning the defence of the Quemoy and Matsu islands.

Senator Walter George, the Democrat Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters the proposals for his power talks with the Soviet Union had been discussed, but he would make no comment on the details.—Reuter.

Boos And Cat Calls For Bertrand Russell

London, Mar. 31.

Earl Russell—Bertrand Russell, the philosopher—said here tonight he was convinced that only by some form of world government could mankind continue to exist.

"I think the alternative is universal extinction," he told a meeting organised by the Parliamentary Association for World Government.

During his speech Earl Russell was repeatedly interrupted by boos and cat calls from some of the 1,500 people in the hall.

Referring to Formosa, the 82-year-old philosopher asked: Was it more important to keep China out of two small islands—Matsu and Quemoy—than for the human race to continue to exist?

Earl Russell said he thought war over Formosa might be avoided.

"I should be made clear to America, Russia and before he said, that whatever their objectives they would not be achieved in a world war."

OPPRESSED BY FEAR
"We are all oppressed by a great fear," Earl Russell continued, "but a great fear is not the only thing that the situation allows."

"It allows also of a great hope."

"We have the possibility as we have never had before, of really establishing a situation in which there will not be a war."

The world had the technical means to abolish poverty, he added.

Another speaker, Professor Alexander Haddow, Principal of the Charter School Institute at the Royal Cancer Hospital, said: "The effects of radiation from nuclear tests."

"My personal but considered view," he said, "is that existing information is already adequate to determine a humane policy, and to encourage us to press for an international agreement for the prohibition of 'test explosions'."

Both Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower, he said, had declared themselves against "endeavouring to secure

Fine Surplus For Britain

London, Mar. 31.

Britain has ended the current financial year with a surplus on ordinary revenue of £243,168,594 sterling compared with a surplus of £203,637,672 last year, the Treasury announced here tonight.

Ordinary revenue for the current year was £1,986,873,404. Ordinary expenditure was £2,433,511,810.

Principal feature of the year was an increase of £22,985,000 above the estimate for income tax, the Treasury said.

"The shortfall in expenditure was due largely to the cost of the nation's defence programme being £142,854,000 less than the estimate," the statement added.—Reuter.

QUAKES ROCK PHILIPPINES

Manila, Apr. 1.

High intensity earthquakes rocked the southern Philippines early this morning, starting at shortly after 2 a.m.

The hardest hit Ozamis city in Mindanao suffered damage to public works, private property and homes, estimated at over US\$1,000,000.

The Philippine National Red Cross Society reported that several persons had been injured but none killed and the tremors reduced to "a public nuisance" by 4 a.m.

The offices of Manila Zamboanga and Davao were also reported experiencing strong quakes up to 7 a.m. today.—France Press.

Russian Designs On Afro-Asian Conference

From James Wickenden

London, Mar. 31.

Although Russia cannot attend the important Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia next month her leaders are making a bid to have their influence felt there according to Commonwealth Relations and Foreign Office sources in London tonight.

For Russia will be well represented at the Delhi conference of Asian countries on April 6, and delegates from countries which will attend the later Indonesian talks will be in Delhi to hear Russia hammer out a strong anti-West line which Moscow hopes will be repeated in Indonesia.

These same sources believe Russia and Red China have already consulted on a common line for Delhi, and to back their argument they will have nearly 100 delegates between them.

The Delhi talks have been inspired by the Communist-led World Peace Council, but although they will take place in India they do not have the approval of any Commonwealth government and are entirely unofficial.

And, say London sources, Mr. Nehru will doubtless take effective action to counter Communist attempts to overwhelm the Indonesian talks which he will attend.—London Express Service.

Free-For-All In Parliament

Brussels, Mar. 31.

The dispute between the Socialist-Liberals of the Belgian Government and the Catholic Opposition flared up again today on the floor of the Lower Chamber of Parliament here when the session degenerated into a free-for-all fight and had to be suspended.

Two Catholic Opposition members had introduced resolutions criticising the government's action in clamping down censorship on radio broadcasts last Saturday—the day when Brussels was the scene of street clashes between Catholic and non-Catholic demonstrators in opposition over educational issues.

A violent personal dispute between a government minister and a former Catholic minister was the sign for today's Parliamentary fight to begin although the cause of the dispute had nothing to do with the debate.

The speaker was obliged to suspend the session and have the public galleries evacuated—an action rarely taken in the Belgian Parliament.—France Press.

Speeding Driver Lynched

San Salvador, Mar. 31.

A driver whose speeding car killed four farmers was lynched on the spot by other farmers armed with machetes last night.

The police said Mauricio Handam, driving at high speed on the Usulután Highway, hit a telephone pole and his car overturned against a group of farm workers, killing four. Their enraged companions dragged Handam out of the car and hacked him with their broad knives.

Handam's two companions were saved by the arrival of National Guards, who arrested 11 of the mob.—United Press.

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This week, George Redshaw has written the first of the new series entitled "Dginn Rummy".

Another highlight of this week's Saturday Mail is provided by feature writer, Tony Motta who tells you about HONGKONG'S FAITH HEALERS.

He describes the wonders performed in a little known Kowloon church where the afflicted are cured by prayer.

And also watch out for these special articles:

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- Signs of a Crisis in Red China.
- Sir Geoffrey Butler writing on War fears.
- Sir John Gorton's report on Indonesia.

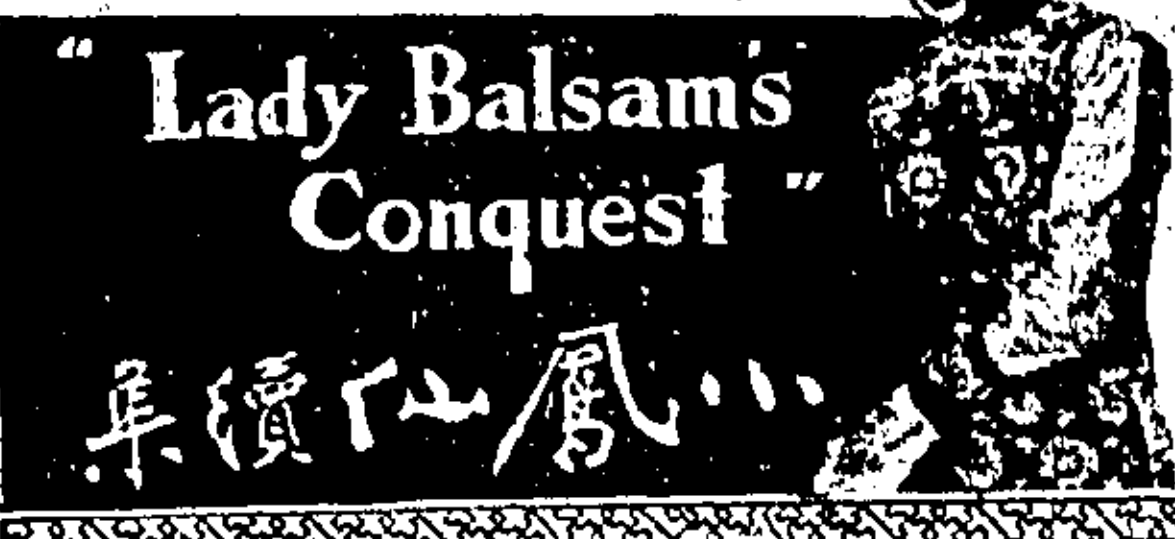
In addition there are three pages of local and home-side pictures, cartoons by Giles and Low, your favourite comic strips, Jane Roberts' review of the films showing in Hongkong, the best, Women's news and sports notes—all in the China Mail.

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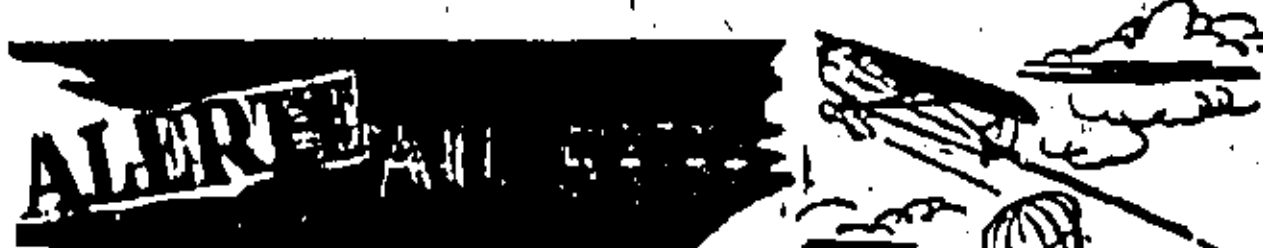
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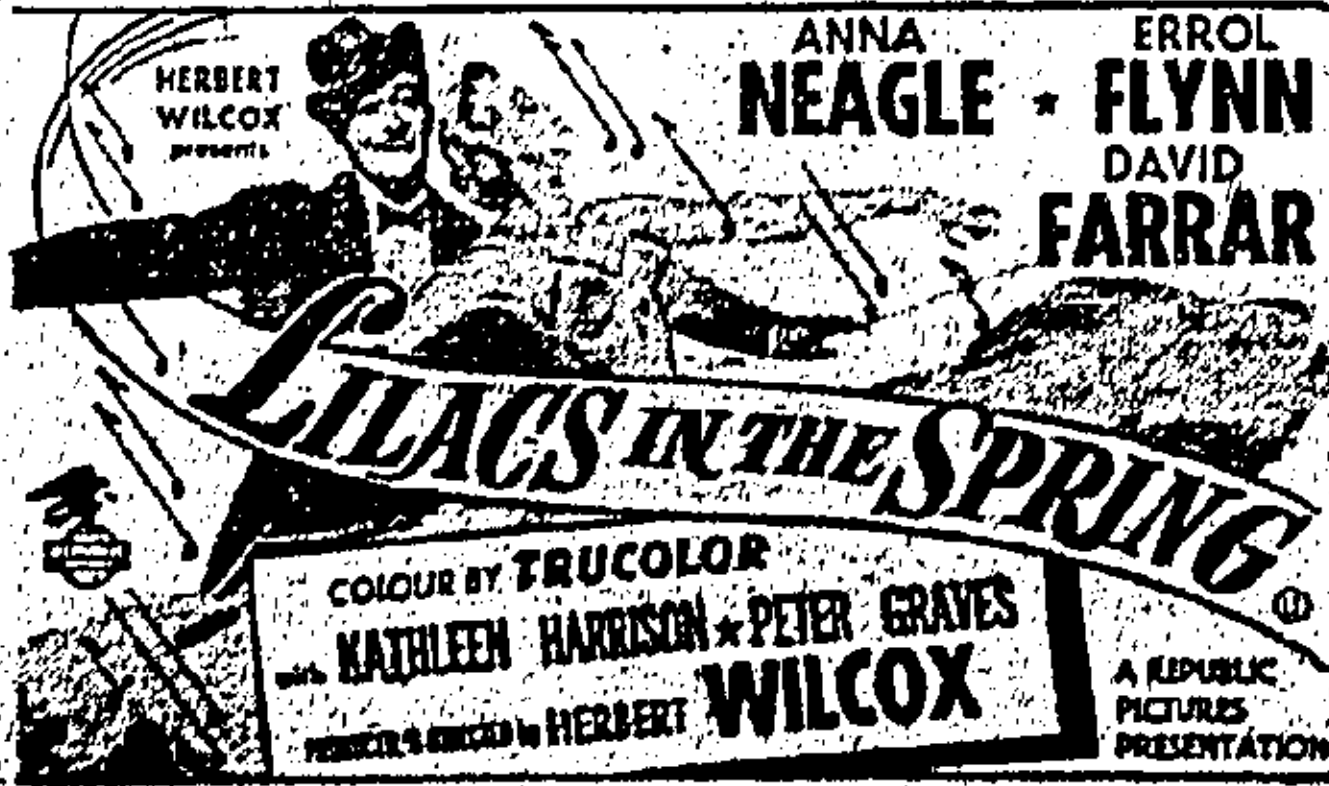


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Bonn Planning To Counter Big Increases

Bonn, Mar. 31.

The West German Government today decided to run 13 extra goods trains to West Berlin daily as a first practical measure against big increases in road tolls imposed by East Germany.

This was announced tonight after all-day interministerial discussions, held in an atmosphere of national emergency.

"STRONG CONCERN"
The Bundestag (lower house) unanimously expressed its "strong concern" and described the increases—ranging from 100 to 1,100 per cent—as "absolutely unjustified."

Meanwhile the British, French and United States High Commissioners met today to discuss the matter in Bad Godesberg, and issued a statement later saying "we are taking the matter up with the Soviet High Commission."

Western allied officials regard the sudden stepping up of the tolls as a breach of 1949 agreements lifting the blockade of Berlin.

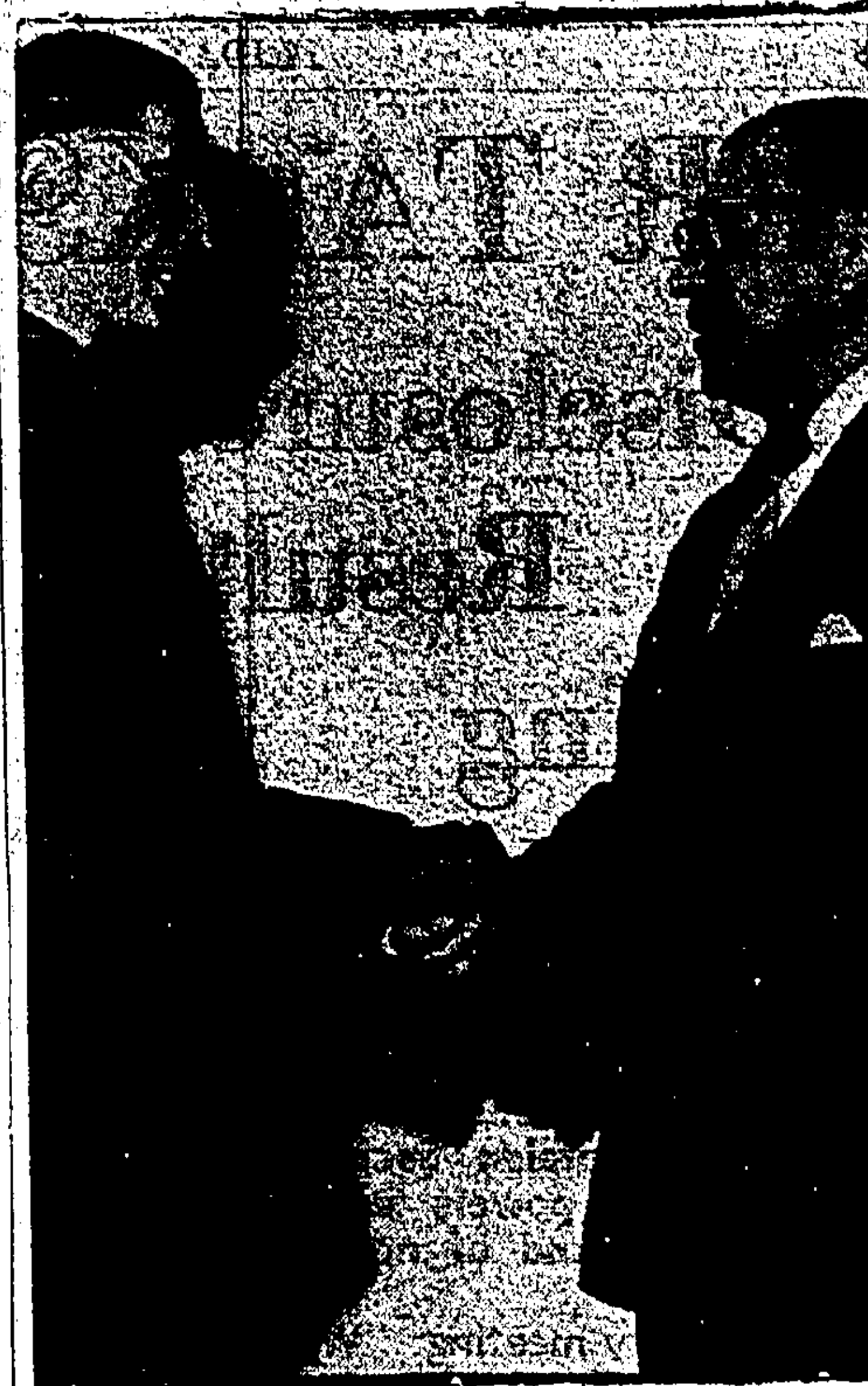
The Bundestag, Press and road-haulers urge that the

new burden should not be laid on the shoulders of the West Berliners or the haulers themselves but eased by Government financial measures should negotiations fail to get the increases rescinded.

The Ministers of Finance, Traffic, Economy and all German Affairs will meet tomorrow to arrange the extra train service.

Dr Otto Suhr, Mayor of West Berlin, is expected in Bonn tomorrow to discuss the emergency.

Today's Bundestag resolution said the toll increases threatened Berlin's supply line.—Reuter.



Attitude Towards Red China Should Change

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

India warned today of the "untouchability" attitude held by some nations toward Communist China and called upon all Far East countries to open trade relations with the Red regime.

The Indian representative, Mr K. B. Lall, told a meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the attitude toward Red China should be changed.

"One should recognise," he said, "that mainland China is part of the (ECAFE) region and that trading efforts will not be complete unless the Commission discovers ways and means for mainland China to take its legitimate share in the international exchange of goods, services and techniques."

Delegates from 26 nations and 12 independent organizations are attending the 11th ECAFE meeting.

The opening of today's meeting was highlighted by another protest from Nationalist China, the Philippines and South Korea over Red Chinese observers on the World Federation of Trade Unions delegation circulating propaganda releases.

Six Red Chinese are observing the meetings as WFTU representatives, and have circulated among delegates WFTU broadsides calling for Communist Chinese participation in ECAFE.

The ECAFE Secretary, Mr P. S. Lokanathan, ruled that the Red letters were circulated in conformity with the conference rules of procedure.

The Indian delegate said in his speech that discussions have

shown a "sober note of confidence" in progress made by ECAFE in agriculture and industry, but he warned that the pace of progress was slower than that in more advanced nations.

He said the ECAFE region appreciated foreign aid but pointed out that there was "not enough awareness on the part of advanced countries of the duties and privileges of underdeveloped countries." — United Press.

Alexandrovich Lysikov, seventeen-year-old son of Lieut-Col Lysikov, an executive officer of an Air Transport Regiment at Schoenefeld, near Berlin, was granted political asylum by United States authorities in West Berlin. American authorities said that the youth had escaped because he feared his father—a "Fascist Communist Party Member with a heavy hand." This is the second attempt made by the youth to get into West Germany, the first failed when he was picked up by East German Police on trying to travel into West Germany on the elevated railway. This time he succeeded, and he said that he could no longer endure life under Communism. Picture shows: Alexandrovich, seen shaking hands with Mr Cox, US Press Officer in Berlin after he had been granted political asylum. He left for an unknown destination yesterday.—Express Photo.

STRIKE OVER

Glasgow, Mar. 31.
British European Airways today resumed all services at Renfrew airport for Glasgow after a 24-hour strike by 600 maintenance men over the threat to move their units to London.—Reuter.

Foreign Secretary's Last Appearance?

By Fraser Wighton

London, Mar. 31.

Some Members of Parliament believe Sir Anthony Eden will make his last parliamentary appearance before taking over the premiership from Sir Winston Churchill when he asks the House of Commons on Monday to approve British accession to the Turco-Iraqi pact.

They expect Sir Winston to tender his resignation as Prime Minister to Queen Elizabeth next week. The 80-year-old statesman is giving a dinner to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on Monday night at 10 Downing Street. He leaves for a holiday in Sicily soon after Parliament adjourns on Thursday for its short Easter recess.

It is generally assumed that between these two events the 80-year-old statesman will have a formal audience with the Queen at Buckingham Palace and ask to be relieved of his office.

If arrangements run to schedule, Parliamentarians expect an early announcement on a general election date—now strongly tipped for May 28.

NO COMMENT

There is still no comment in official quarters on the Prime Minister's future.

But authoritative sources today discouraged speculative reports that any plans he may have made would be upset by the current strike of newspaper workers, which has left large areas of Britain without London daily papers.—Reuter.

US-Cambodia Agreement Delayed

Phnompenh, Mar. 31.

Informed sources said here today that the conclusion of a Cambodian-American military agreement would probably be delayed due to the refusal of Cambodian military authorities to sign the text as originally drafted at the end of February.

It was thought that the Cambodians wanted to add certain limiting clauses and knock out the original agreements in the first text drawn up after a visit by US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

As it stands now the text provides for the sending to Phnompenh of an American military mission charged principally with the control of the use of material and of American military credits.—France-Press.

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Quebec, Mar. 31.

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Mr Marcel Couture, 24, strummed "O Canada" while a crowd of about 500 sang to end his "pianothon" which he claimed constituted a record.

In the past few months similar performers have played the piano from 21 to 27½ hours, kept rocking in rocking chairs and stayed underwater with the help of aqualungs.—United Press.

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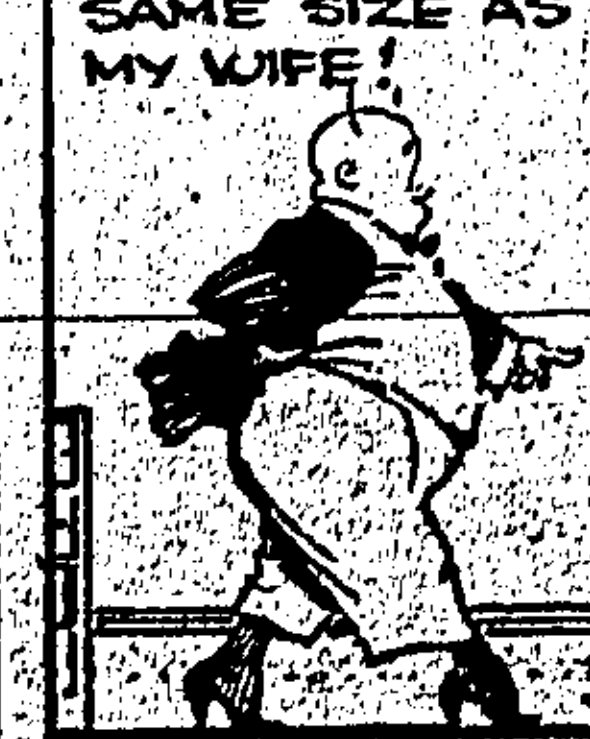
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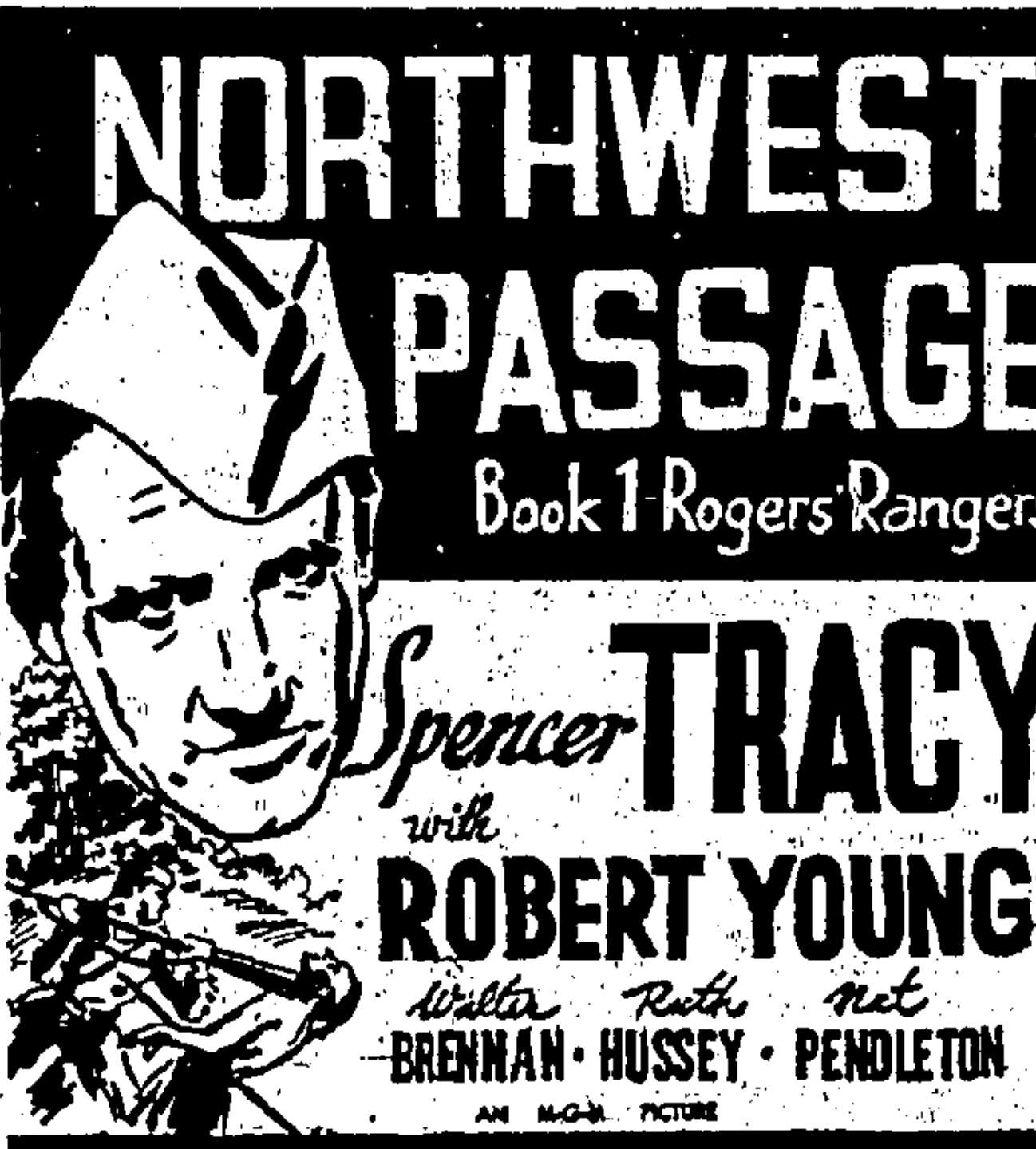
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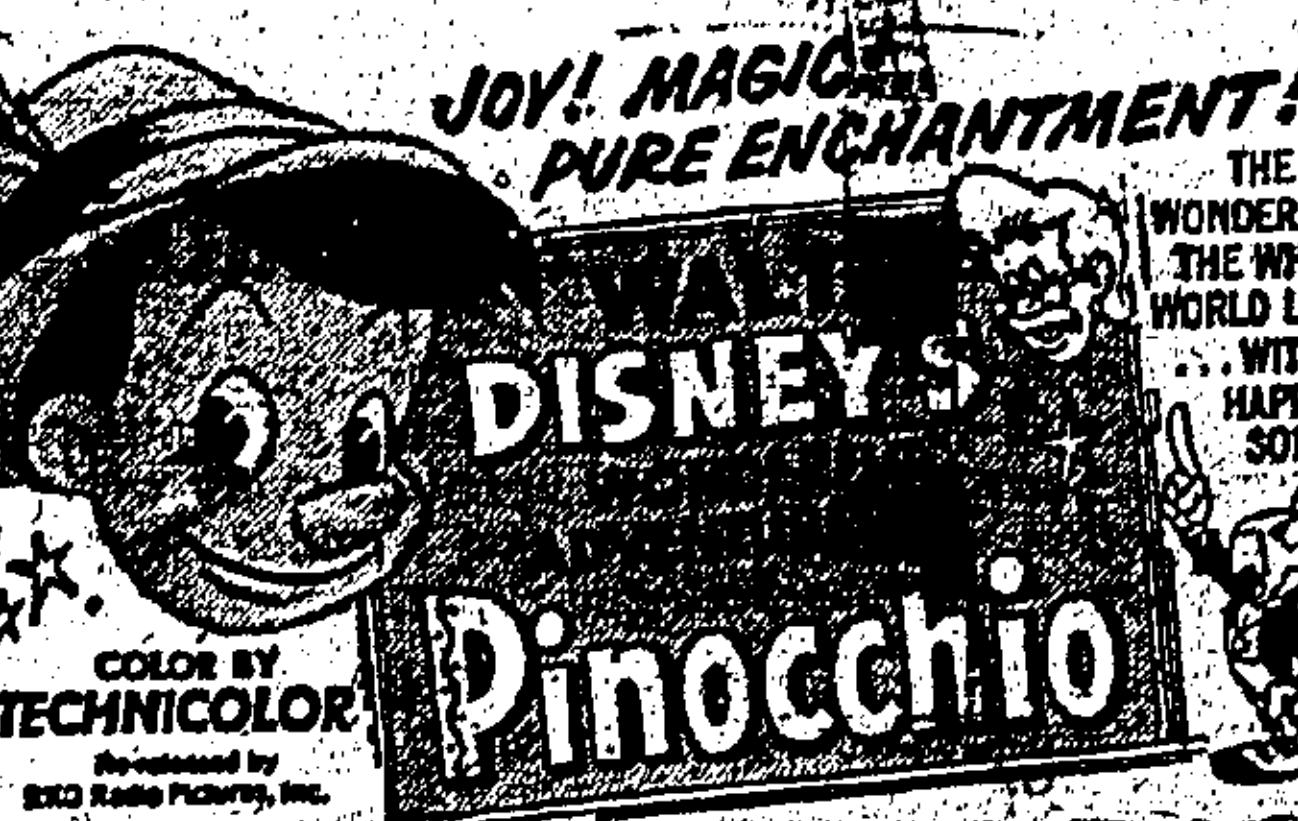
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Three More Members Wanted For Middle East Pact

Faure Victory



Paris, Mar. 31. A bill aimed at giving the Premier, M. Edgar Faure, special economic, social and tax powers was approved by the Senate Finance Committee today by a vote of 7 to 5.—France-Press.

SOLOMON'S COUNSEL NEEDED

Paris, Mar. 31. TWO babies were born on a warm summer night in a maternity hospital in Roubaix, northern France, in 1950. Madame Durand was told here was a boy when she named Guy. In another room Madame Sorrier gave birth to a girl named Louise. But before leaving the hospital Madame Durand was handed a girl.

Madame Sorrier, for her part, realised that her child was a boy. The nurse's statement discounted the possibility that there had been a substitution. It seemed on the other hand unlikely that the midwife had made a double mistake in telling sexes of the two babies.

NOT SOLVED
After four years, the mystery has not yet been cleared. Analysis of the father's blood did not give the result expected since both had the same type of blood. Madame Durand had no bothered about the change in the sex of her baby. She had the name altered to give her a girl's name. But Madame Sorrier is convinced that Louise is not hers and has refused to re-christen the child. The case was brought before the Roubaix tribunal but the judges will have to be wise also against that other vestige than Solomon himself of the past, tattooing, a sign of solve the problem.—France-Press.

POSSIBLE LINK WITH LEBANON

London, Mar. 31.

Britain hopes that Pakistan, Persia and the United States may be the next countries to join the Turco-Iraqi pact, diplomatic sources said here today.

Britain's entry into the alliance together with special military arrangements replacing the 1932 Anglo-Iraqi treaty was initiated in Bagdad yesterday and would take place on April 5.

Announcing this to the House of Commons, Sir Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, said the pact was purely defensive and he hoped other countries would come in later. The defensive character of the alliance was believed to have been emphasised today by Mr Evelyn Shuckburgh, British Foreign Office expert on the Middle East.

OPPOSITION
Egypt's opposition to the alliance, which links Iraq with the Western defence system, has made it difficult for other members of the Arab League to join in even if they wished to, in the view of diplomatic quarters here.

For this reason even the best disposed of the Arab countries towards the pact, the Lebanon, is not expected here to join it just yet. But the long term Lebanese attitude may be clearer after the visit to Turkey beginning tomorrow of President Camille Chamoun and his Premier and Foreign Minister, Pakistan already linked to Turkey by a bilateral pact may be the first country to associate itself with Britain, Turkey and Iraq, it is thought here.

Reports from Istanbul today have forecast April or May as likely dates for Pakistan's entry into the alliance.—Reuters.

TATTOOS UNCOUTH

Moscow, Mar. 31. The Soviet newspaper Trud, organ of the trade unions, said today that people who tattooed themselves, showed "lack of culture."

The newspaper asked why people who wore tattoos did not just go one step further, and wear rings in their noses and lips.

The paper said, "We fight actively against drunkenness, religious prejudices, uncouthness and swearing. We shall fight also against that other vestige than Solomon himself of the past, tattooing, a sign of solve the problem.—France-Press.

Radioactivity Monitoring Service

London, Mar. 31.

THE British Medical Journal said today that it would be sensible and easy to set up a monitoring service which would keep a watch on the radioactivity of the atmosphere.

In a leading article about the genetic effects of nuclear radiation, the Journal suggested that such monitoring service could be made first on a national scale and perhaps eventually on an international basis.

The Journal said: "At present we have no precise knowledge of the rate of mutation—the sudden change of a gene into a new form—produced by low intensities of radiation in any mammal, let alone man, and are forced to argue by extrapolation from results obtained with flies or moulds."

FEW RESULTS
"Even with these simpler organisms, experiments with low intensities have been few and their results not altogether consistent."

The best estimate to which they lead, according to Professor A. H. Sturtevant, of the United States, is that the excess ionisation produced by atomic explosions so far would cause about one extra very harmful mutation per 50,000 conceptions and perhaps about the same number of slighter ones in addition.

The Journal points out that although the figures give a rough idea of the order of magnitude, they are largely guess work. It said that energetic steps should be taken to measure actual mutation rates of mammals exposed to low intensity radiation.—China Mail Special.



Off to Paris on their wedding flight goes actress Olivia de Havilland and French journalist Pierre Galante. Miss de Havilland, who had a lunch date in London, nearly missed the plane for Paris. She and Galante marry tomorrow, April 2, in a small village 100 miles from the French capital. Miss de Havilland's new film "That Lady" had its London premiere this week.—Express Photo.

Nature Finds A Way

Brisbane, Mar. 31.

A mother budgerigar which hatched Siamese twins from a double-yolked egg, separated the fledglings with her bill, a naturalist reported here.

The naturalist, David Fleay, told how a pair of the birds in a Brisbane aviary incubated four eggs.

Two were infertile, another hatched but the fledgling died, and the fourth egg, somewhat larger than the others, produced Siamese twins.

They were joined neck-to-neck by a fold of skin.

Owner John Spiro, of Sherwood, Brisbane, watched the mother bird carefully and noted she was nibbling at the common skin that joined the fledglings.

After three days she separated them.—China Mail Special.

IKE CONGRATULATED Crackdown On Loose War Talk

New York, Mar. 31.

President Eisenhower was congratulated editorially by the Philadelphia Inquirer today for his "timely crackdown on loose war talk" over the Chinese offshore islands problem.

The newspaper said that the President's action should have an assuring effect abroad and would inform allies and friendly powers alike that the President did not endorse the opinion that war over the islands of Matsu and Quemoy "is approaching inexorably and all we can do about it is to be ready to fight."

"The job of the Chiefs of Staff," the newspaper declared, "is to advise the President on military matters. It is not to scare the public with predictions of questionable accuracy nor to determine national policy. That is up to the President and the civilian arms of the Government."

The New York Herald Tribune wrote that America was fortunate that at this juncture in its affairs it had in the White House "a leader so calm, so able, so universally respected as Dwight Eisenhower."

The President had shown, the paper continued, that he was unwilling to be stamped by alarmist or unsubstantiated news.

"As things now stand, Mr Eisenhower bears by himself the responsibility for determining in the light of events what moves are necessary to safeguard freedom and the President's."

"Even if the threat is not as immediate as some military sources had wanted to make it appear, a decision in regard to the offshore islands in all likelihood cannot be indefinitely postponed."

The Washington Post adopted the view that the President had "doused some of the firebrand talk about war over the Matus and Quemoy."

It was reassuring to have his statement that talk about the prospect of war in Asia did not serve the cause of peace and that he had no information indicating an imminent Communist attack.

STRAIN
"But the future of the past few days is indicative of strain to which he is being subjected," the Washington Post stated.

"This strain is likely to increase as long as policy is allowed to drift and the danger is that drift may eventually lead the country with no alternative to war."—Reuters.

King Herod's Ancient Palace Found

Jerusalem, Mar. 31.

An Israeli archaeological expedition reported today it has discovered the ruins of the 2,000-year-old Palace of King Herod The Great at Masada, near the Dead Sea.

Mr Michael Avi Yona, of the Israeli Government's Department of Antiquities, said that the ancient Palace was unearthed during a 12-day survey by the expedition which returned to Jerusalem last night.

He said that the palace-fortress was on the edge of a 325-yard high plateau. It has mosaic flooring and is fronted by a large colonnaded terrace on a 45-yard slope facing northward to the sea.

SPLENDOR CONFIRMED.

Herod reigned in Judea from 37 BC to 4 BC. Expedition members reported that nearly all the descriptions of historian Josephus Flavius detailing the splendour of the palace and grounds were confirmed by the archaeologists.

The archaeologists reported they uncovered the steps leading to the palace from the terrace under heaps of ruins. They also found paths connecting the palace with various structures of Herod's old Masada fortress.

The greatest wonder, they said, was a group of four cisterns, with an estimated total capacity of 40,000 cubic metres of water. It was unknown how the reservoirs were filled in an area where the annual rainfall is now only a small fraction of an inch.

The archaeologists said they found remains of pottery, pillars, inscriptions, food and trees in abundance throughout the grounds. They said they repaired parts of the discoveries to prevent damage by tourists.

SMALL HOUSE

The expedition also reported finding a small house on the palace grounds, consisting of nine rooms and containing what were said to be the earliest mosaics yet found in Israel.

In the house they reported finding date kernels and other remains of what were believed to be dried morsels of food as well as some leather soles and thongs.

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The interview took place at M. Faure's official residence. It lasted about half an hour.—France-Press.

Peeping Toms To Watch Fish Habits

Montreal, Mar. 31. THE Quebec Government planned today to use frogmen to spy on love-struck fish.

Dr Gustave Prevost, Director of the Biology Bureau of the province's Fish and Game Department, said that the study of piscatorial love life in Quebec lakes was designed to find out why romancing trout go round and round.

Frogmen will be posted in the lakes near Mont Tremblant, in the Laurentian Mountains. They will spend hours near the grey trout spawning beds gathering data on the fish which spawn in water 15 to 30 feet deep and grow to 30 lbs in weight.

Dr Prevost got the underwater peeping tom idea at a sportsmen's show where he is directing the "provincial exhibit, and where a frogman spent 25 hours in a plastic tank earlier this week.

"We now know more about underwater equipment and the ability of men to stay under water for long periods," he said. "We are satisfied that with proper equipment it is possible to send frogmen down to observe spawning methods for hours."—United Press.

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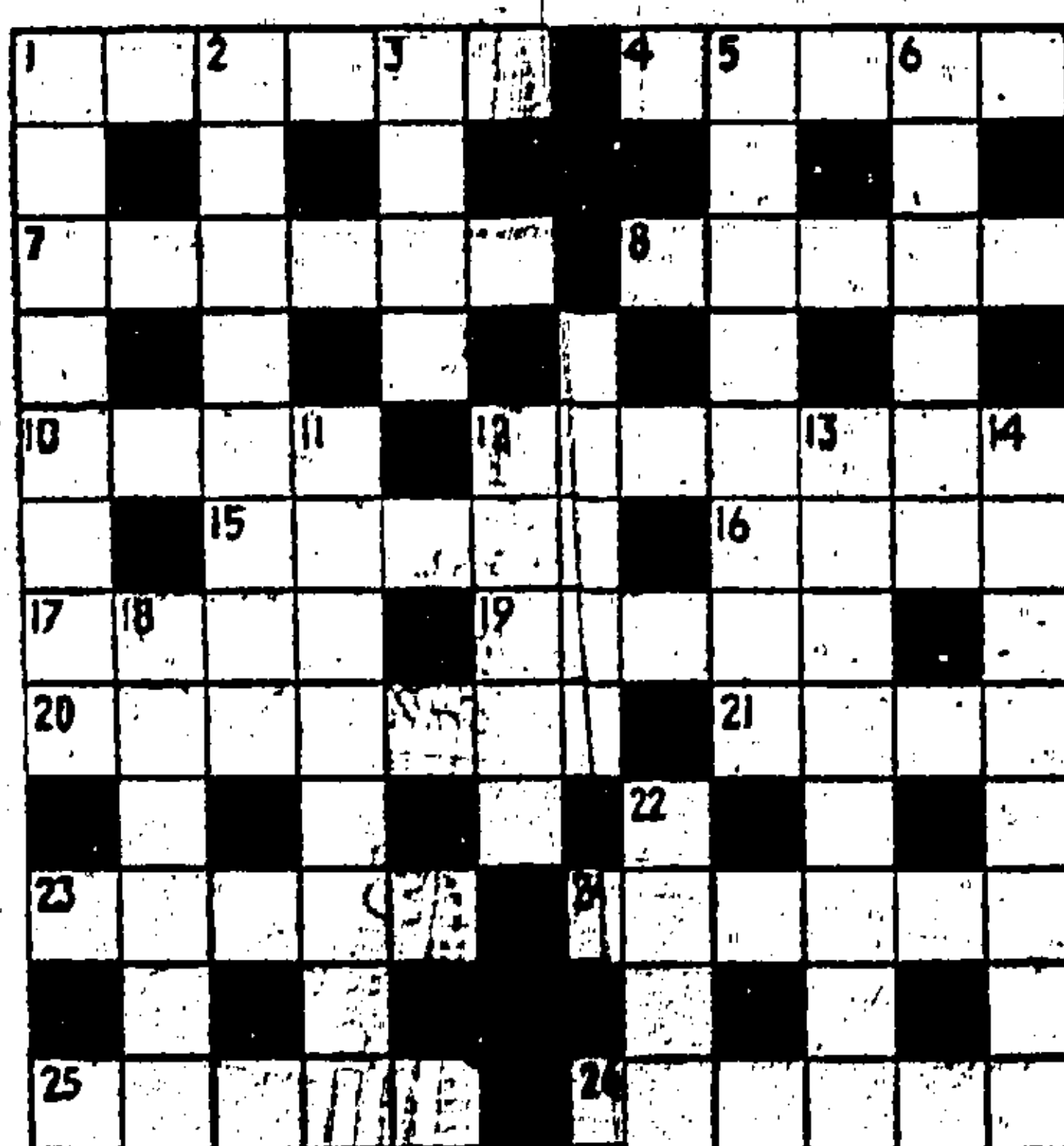
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 - 7 Come back (6).
 - 8 Bunk (5).
 - 10 Futz (4).
 - 12 Bragged (7).
 - 15 Drive back (5).
 - 16 Extent (4).
 - 17 Tale of herism (4).
 - 19 Solitary (5).
 - 20 Noble lady (7).
 - 21 Sharp (4).
 - 23 Backbone (5).
 - 24 Younger (6).
 - 25 Coppers (4).
 - 26 Margins (4).
- DOWN**
- 2 Into strips (8).
 - 3 Swift (8).
 - 6 Piece (4).
 - 9 Same bird (8).
 - 11 Rage hand (8).
 - 13 Life (5).
 - 14 Polishing (8).
 - 18 Wards (8).
 - 22 Hour (6).
 - 22 Mitate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Tortured, 8 Roused, 9 Despaired, 11 Consists, 12 Lion, 13 Rain, 18 Sales, 19 Champ, 22 Possible, 24 Alliance, 25 Angers, 26 Bators. Down: 1 Erect, 2 Ruins, 3 Tedious, 4 Odds, 5 Tip s, 6 Rain, 7 Desert, 10 Glean, 14 Rayon, 15 Lament, 16 Series, 17 Sun, 18 Spiced, 21 Yarn, 22 Fast, 23 Seal.



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Beneath The Halo Of The Great Contemporary

By JAMES WICKENDEN

HEROIC as Churchill is portrayed, how much greater must be the spirit behind his deeds! The world sees parts of him but can only guess at the secret life of so great a man.

We know his oratory, his hats, cigars and bricklaying; his smiles, emotion and statesmanship. The rock-like figure and eager gesture are accepted as permanency.

But they hide the past, and now the Old Man is reported ready to retire. We are warned of it in time to glimpse beneath the halo while he is at the summit.

He, too, may cast back his mind. He may recall the spacious days when war meant horseflesh, jingling harness and a man's game instead of a scientific nightmare.

After his dramatic entry into the world—he was born a redhead, prematurely, in the cloakroom of Blenheim Palace on Saint Andrew's Day—he formed his philosophy while a slim, adventure-seeking cavalry officer.

In Action

WHEREVER there was action Winston enjoyed and pleaded his way. He was shot at in Cuba, ambushed on the Northwest Frontier of India, and rode with the famous 300 at Omdurman in war's last great cavalry charge.

Between actions he lived in his own bungalow with servants and a barber to shave him in bed. He read from Gibbon to Plato and pondered. He regretted the lack of university education and vowed he would believe what he liked. He could, in fact, not escape the traditions he had inherited.

He had already written one novel and many dispatches when he decided to make money, leave the army and follow his father into politics. Within a

year he had been captured by the Boers, escaped to Portuguese East Africa, been in all the major engagements and returned to England a national hero.

The Boers described him dispassionately:

"Englishman 25, about five feet eight inches tall, indifferent build, walks with a forward stoop, pale appearance, red-brown hair, small hardly noticeable moustache, talks through his nose, and cannot pronounce the letter 's' properly."

He achieved all his aims in two years. Out of writing and lectures he made £14,500. He entered Parliament and became a rebel like his father, sniping at his own leaders and finally leaving them for the Liberal Party.

Clear-headed

IN all his zesty pursuits he has shown the same, almost occasional, single-mindedness. Yet he is very clear-headed. He has apparently never, except in his first bout of reading, been troubled by philosophical doubts.

What is the secret of this amazing self-confidence? It may perhaps be the secure base of Winston Churchill's life from which he has operated. First, there was a glorious family tradition. Secondly, a peaceful home, assiduously cultivated by his wife—the only woman who ever attracted him. His background has been strengthened by his simple plan of attack on life. At each stage there has been one aim alone.

He dipped his pen in his father's inkwell, hung his picture on the wall and wrote the monumental life of Lord Randolph Churchill. He joined with Lloyd George and bounded to fame. He gave freedom to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, helped bring in Old Age Pensions, became First Sea Lord.

Before the first war blackened Europe he built a new navy—oil-fired ships, bigger, faster ships—and put Jellicoe in command of the Grand Fleet.

Stormy Career

THE Fleet was steaming to battle stations on his sole order as war broke out. He planned the Dardanelles attack—the great failure because of the hesitancy of those around him. He persisted in the production of tanks.

Already he had lived a career before contemporaries like Stalin were even heard of.

THIS TELESCOPE HEARS THINGS

By Vaughan Jones

BEFORE the year is ended, the hidden depths of the universe will be brought a little nearer when the world's largest radio telescope comes into action at Jodrell Bank, in Cheshire.

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It will explore between five hundred and a thousand times the volume of space, and record radio waves given off by the stars.

Sited in rolling farmlands, its giant mechanism is being rushed to completion to give Britain a big lead in this branch of astronomical research.

The two 185 ft. high towers carrying the 250 ft. wide reflecting "saucer" are almost finished.

This bowl-shaped telescope will be rotated by

alone of the statesmen he urged support for the White Russians against the Bolsheviks when they were still weak.

But between the wars his literary career, the production of books and the cultivation of cats, goldfish, geese, dogs and chickens in a happy family circle led to one thing—war leadership.

He called Munich "a total and unmitigated defeat..." and warned: "This is only the first sip, the first foretaste of the bitter cup which will be proffered to us year by year."

In a year all his prophecies were fulfilled and war had come. As the Army evacuated from Dunkirk and Britain faced the most dangerous days of her history, he spoke as few have done to their people:

"Even though large tracts of Europe and many old and famous cities have fallen or may fall into the grip of the Gestapo and all the odious apparatus of Nazi rule, we shall not flag or fail. We shall fight in France, and we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

Prolific

AFTER the war he warned again at Fulton of the "Iron Curtain" which was descending. He said: "Last time I saw it all coming and cried aloud, but no one paid any attention."

Since then he has shown a new side to the world: the steady hand and the careful working for stability and peace. Now he is about ready to hand over to his Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, the reins of power.

His foresight has only been matched by his industry—one, and a half million words in his war history, with secretaries working in shifts through the night, the launching of the European Movement, the guidance of the Tories to their first electoral victory in 21 years. Even his bricklaying and painting have been prodigious. He lays a brick a minute and has built two large bungalows himself.

Winston Churchill is certainly the most prolific speaker in Britain's history—not a great political theorist, but a man of immense breadth of vision. Above all, his sense of life's comedy as well as its tragedy makes him the most natural of today's leaders.

His feet are on the ground with the rest of humanity, but he is out in front of the column in a tempestuous age.

AT LAST—WELL, ALMOST—



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London Express Service

GERMANY'S 1914 NAVY IS STILL BEING HUNTED—FOR SCRAP

By DUDLEY HAWKINS

GERMAN ships sunk or scuttled off Tanganyika's coast 40 years ago are helping to defend Europe against further aggression—but only after they have been through the blast furnace of their metal used in new weapons.

Europe's world-wide scrap hunt has reached the blue waters around Dar-es-Salaam, palm-lined port of the British Navy shelled in the 1914-18 war, where old German hulks—monuments to Kaiser Wilhelm's folly—are being eaten away by acetylene torches.

Few World War One veterans remain to see the last traces of their African campaign fade away into ignominious scrap. The most famous of these sea-monuments is the rusted side and hull and side of the German cruiser Koenigsberg, lying in the great Rufiji River near the swampy shore.

In September 1914 the Koenigsberg steamed fast over the horizon and, in a fierce fusillade of shots, sank HMS Pegasus off Zanzibar.

SPOTTED

The cruiser steamed off and miraculously disappeared. For months British patrol boats sought her—and finally an armed merchantman with a hydroplane, cruising past the Rufiji, spotted her upriver. But the Royal Navy had a problem. None of its big ships could enter the delta because of their deep draught.

Then one morning a policeman stopped a man in a Capetown street and whisked him to the Simons-town naval base. He was Major Pretorius, the famous big-game hunter who disappeared for ten years at a time into Africa's darkness to shoot elephant and lion, and who was then detected because the Allies in Africa could not find a war job for him.

Pretorius, a small, malaria-withered man who could speak fluently practically every African language between the Transvaal and the Sudan, knew the

Nairobi, Rufiji delta as well as its inhabitants. Helped by the Allies he entered the Rufiji again, disguised as an African and aided by his old hunting companions, even went on board the Koenigsberg under the eyes of the unsuspecting German sailors. For weeks he plotted tide rise and fall and calculated the cruiser's armament.

Then he went on board a British ship. Any Allied vessel showing its nose around the bend in the river was blasted out of the water by the Koenigsberg, but with Pretorius' information the Navy stalked the river. After the war the Koenigsberg across miles of swamp.

The episode gave Pretorius a permanent job as Generalist Saldanha Bay. Dar-es-Salaam's latest wreck is the Norwegian Slemmestad, which was chased by HMS Chatham and scuttled by her frightened crew in the Lindi information the Navy stalked the river. After the war the Koenigsberg across miles of swamp.

All her crew were saved, but now even the Slemmestad faces a future in a blast furnace.

SCUTTLED

Tunga, the picturesque little port north of Dar-es-Salaam, also had a wreck—the President, which was chased by HMS Chatham and scuttled by her frightened crew in the Lindi information the Navy stalked the river. After the war the Koenigsberg across miles of swamp.

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Notice is hereby given that
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Annual Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the
Company's Office, Jordan
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on
Saturday the 2nd April, 1955,
at 12.00 noon for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors and Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1954, to
declare Dividends, to elect
Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

Notice is also given that
the Share Register of the
Company will be closed from
the 21st March, to the 2nd
April, 1955, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

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on Saturday the 2nd Day of
April, 1955, at 12.30 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting to
be held at Noon on that date
shall have concluded) for the
purpose of considering, and if
thought fit, passing, the
following Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to
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of the Company standing
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Company's Reserve Fund
and accordingly that a
special Capital Bonus of
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clared and that such
bonus be applied on be-
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of the Company in pay-
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tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
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the nominal amount of
the Capital of the Com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income, and that such
shares shall rank for
dividend from the 1st
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tractors in pre-motor trans-
port days, are a serious
pest in pastoral areas of
the State.—China Mail.

Red Writers Leave For New Delhi

Moscow, Mar. 31.
The Soviet news agency,
Tass, announced today that a
15-member delegation, headed
by the writer Nikolai Tikhonov,
will attend the 23-nation con-
ference of Asian countries to
be held in New Delhi early in
April.
The conference has been
called to "close world tension."
A 40-strong delegation from
Communist China, headed by
former Vice-Premier Kuo Mo-
jo, arrived in Hongkong yester-
day on its way to Delhi.
The Soviet delegates will in-
clude the writers Alexander
Kornelchuk, Ilya Ehrenburg and
Wanda Wasilewska, Mikhail
Neslerov, Chairman of the All-
Union Chamber of Commerce,
together with leading figures in
literature, the arts, science and
the trade unions from the Soviet
Central Asian republics.
It also includes two leading
representatives from the Moslem
Church in Soviet Central Asia.
Tass said that a large group
of Soviet delegates left Moscow
by air for New Delhi today.—
Reuter.

PROMOTED TO FIELD MARSHAL

London, Mar. 31.
The Queen yesterday pro-
moted her uncle, the Duke of
Gloucester, to be a Field Mar-
shal at Buckingham Palace
when she presented him with a
baton.
The Duke of Gloucester has
been a General since 1944.—
Reuter.

TINY DOLLAR EARNERS IN A TOP HAT



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FRIDAY, APRIL 1
By Air
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
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By Surface
Malaya, Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 a.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 2
By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, Ceylon, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 10 a.m.
By Surface
Japan, U.S.A., 11 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan,
Burma, Italy, Great Britain, 9 p.m.

At the Ringland Kennels,
Kent, Mrs. N. E. Marsh-Starr,
breeds Papillons, the tiny
"Butterfly Dogs" which are
enjoying ever-increasing
popularity. Many of these
tiny animals are sold to
Canada and the United States,
where they are very popular.
One of Mrs. Marsh-Starr's open
championship winners, "Polly
Flinders" gave birth to two
puppies five weeks ago, which
are possible champions of the
future. Picture shows: Proud
mother "Polly Flinders" with
her five-week-old puppies
which fit nicely into a top hat.
These tiny pups are not
quite 6" long and because
they are so tiny, it is quite
rare to see pictures of
papillons so young. — Ex-
press Photo.

Brian Statham's Mother Dies

Manchester, Mar. 31.
Mrs Florence Statham, mother
of Lancashire and England fast
bowler Brian Statham, died at
her home here last Wednesday
aged 65.—China Mail Special.

JEWISH

COMPENSATION SPEED UP Criticism Of West German Govt.

Bonn, Mar. 31.

The West German Government has
promised to speed up cash payments to
Jews, anti-Nazis and other victims of
Hitler's Third Reich in compensation for
their losses and other suffering.

Criticisms have flooded in recently
from Germany and abroad that the money,
in spite of the seemingly good intentions
of Government and Parliament, is not
arriving. One of the main spokesmen of
the discontent is Dr. Karl Marx, editor of
Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden, the
Jewish weekly paper at Duesseldorf.

Dr. Adolf Arndt, a Jewish
Social Democrat Member of
Parliament, recently called for
the appointment of a restitution
commissioner to accelerate the
tumbling machinery of budget
estimates, Government decrees,
finance offices, and claims
courts.

SUPERVISE RESTITUTION
Dr. Marx went one further
and called for a Cabinet Minis-
ter to supervise restitution.
Many victims of Nazism fail to
understand why, ten years after
the end of the war, they are
still waiting for compensation
for looted businesses, stolen
family jewellery, damage to
their health, or loss of pro-
fessional advancement. Many
of these persons, particularly
Jews, are now living in the
United States or Israel. Others
are leaving politicians or
members of the group who
planned in July 1944, to
assassinate Hitler and put an
end to the Nazi regime.

The Government's answer
is that Dr. Konrad Adenauer,
the West German Chan-
cellor, will personally con-
sider the appointment of a
restitution commissioner,
but such a commissioner
could not do much good as
the execution of the law is
in the hands of the states
and West Berlin—thanks to

the federal construction of
the West German Republic.
The management of the re-
stitution is so decentralised that
the Government was not able
to produce an estimate from Dr.
Arndt, an up-to-date statement
of restitution payments accord-
ing to categories. It has first
to compile the information from
the State Governments.

The situation is further com-
plicated by the fact that so
many restitution claimants now
live abroad and their claims,
when admitted, must then get
the approval of the central
bank for transfer into foreign
currency.
Restitution in West Germany
takes three forms: physical
restitution of confiscated or
stolen property, where this can
be identified; settlement of
cash claims against the Reich
for confiscated property which
cannot be found or has ceased
to exist; and compensation of
individuals or their heirs or
relatives for death, injury,
arrest, damage to property, or
loss of professional advance-
ment.

FOOT THE BILL
Treatment of these claims was
in the hands of claims com-
missioners established by the
Occupying Powers shortly after World War
II. Local authorities were forced
to foot the bill. Now the Federal
Government has taken steps to
centralise and standardise the
treatment of these claims.

The winding up of each group is as
follows:
1. Restitution of movable
and immovable property, bonds,
bank accounts, pension claims
and other rights and entitle-
ments: of 487,000 claims regis-
tered at the beginning of this
year, 394,000 have been settled.
The rest will be settled "within
the foreseeable future," says
the Federal Finance Ministry.
These claims are handled by
ordinary law courts, but in each
zone the occupying Power
guarantees claimants the right
of appeal to an Allied court.
After the entry into force of the
Paris treaties these Allied
courts will be replaced by courts
consisting of two Germans, two
Allies, and a neutral chairman.

2. Cash claims against the
Reich: The Federal Republic has
taken over responsibility in the
Paris treaties for meeting re-
stitution claims against the
Reich by cash payment in place
of property confiscated by the
Reich Government and not now
returnable.

The Government acknow-
ledges the amount of the
approved claims but limits
its responsibility for actual
redemption to 1,500 million
marks (about \$125,000,000
sterling). A bill has been
drafted for the final estab-
lishment and settlement of
these claims and will be
submitted to Parliament
after detailed discussion
with the local authorities.
The procedure is that when
the claims are recognised, the
claimants are compensated in
the form of bonds on the Reich,
converted at the usual rate of
one Deutsche mark for ten Reich-
marks. It is understood that the
bill will propose to redeem these
bonds at the rate of 100,000,000
Deutsche marks (about \$8,330,000
sterling) a year.

3. Compensation for personal
damage: The provisions of this,
the most complicated and most
criticised part of the restitution
legislation, are contained in an
Act—the Federal Compensation
Law—passed in the autumn of
1953.

PERSONAL COMPENSATION
This Act took over personal
compensation from the states
and local authorities, but its
operation has been slow.
According to official figures,
158,000,000 marks (about \$12,640,000
sterling) was paid out during
the first year of operation in
the form of pensions, educa-
tional assistance, lump sum
grants, and arrears of pension
from the date of the damage.
This compares with 732,000,000
marks (about \$58,560,000) paid
out on the orders of local
authorities before that date.

The Act has so far been
applied only to the most
deserving and the aged. The
large majority of claimants
are still waiting. Criticism, the
Government has stated, that it
will speed up the operation of
the law and issue the necessary
ordinances as soon as possible.
—China Mail Special.

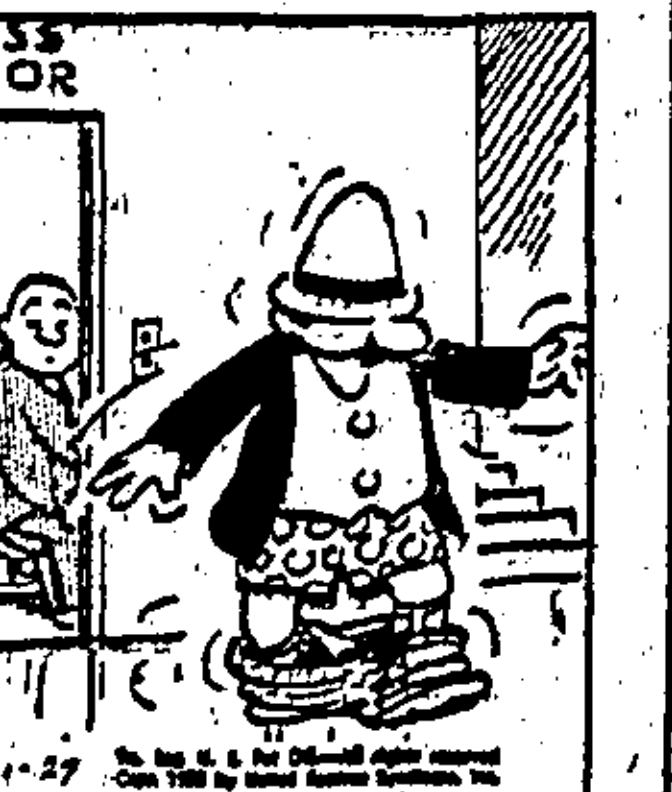
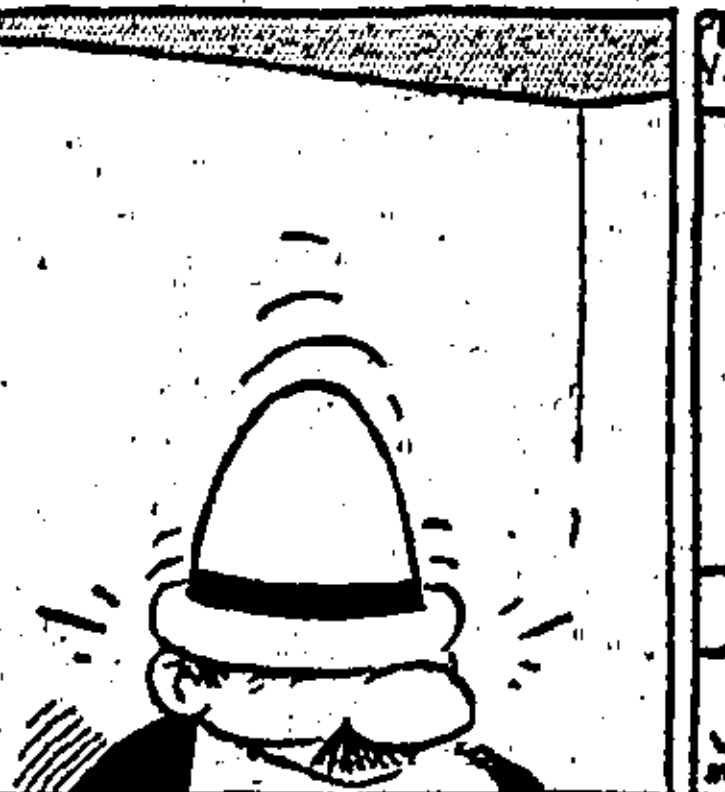
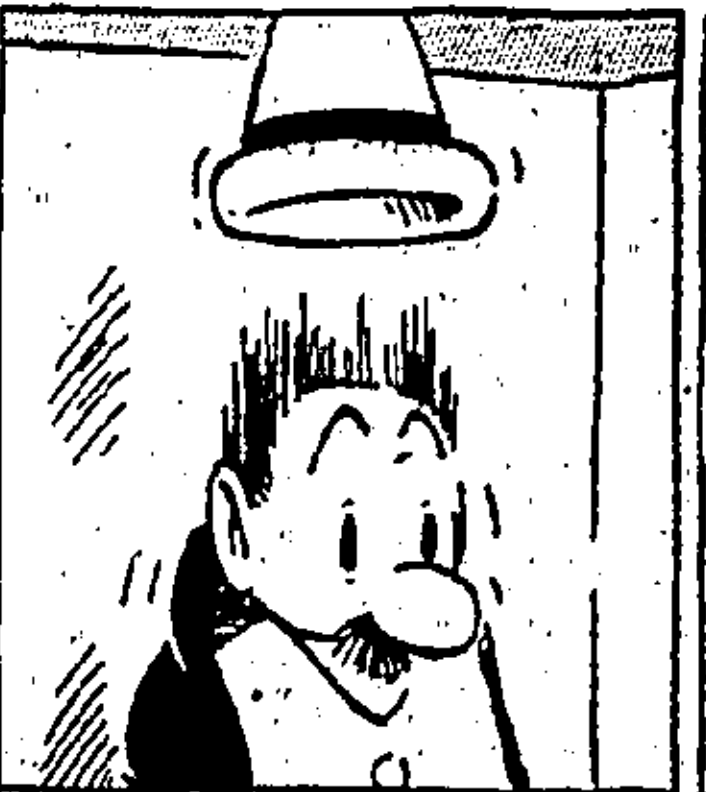
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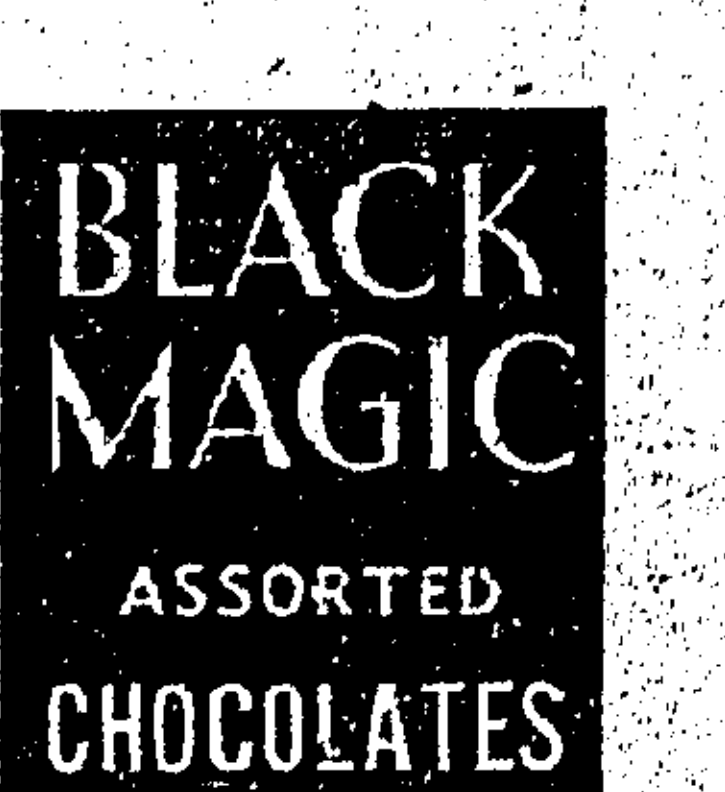
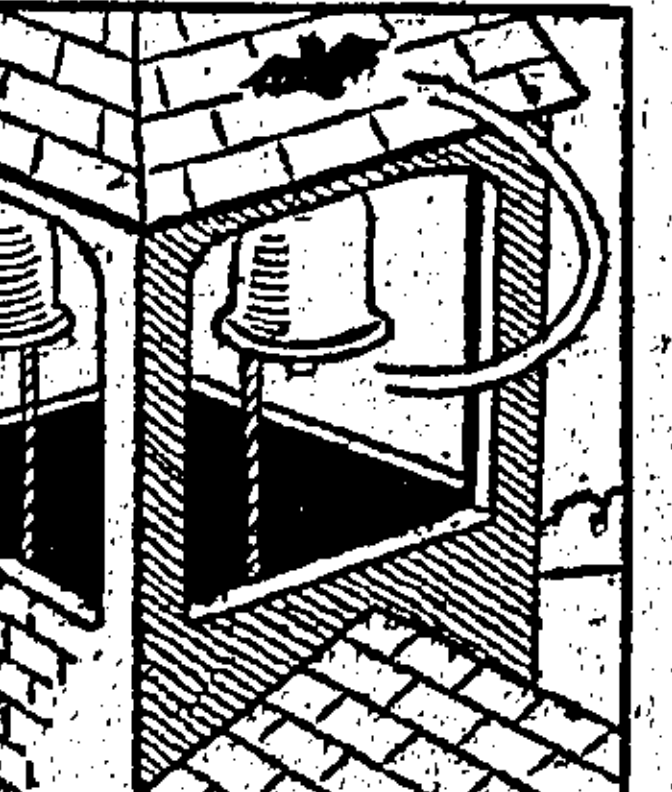
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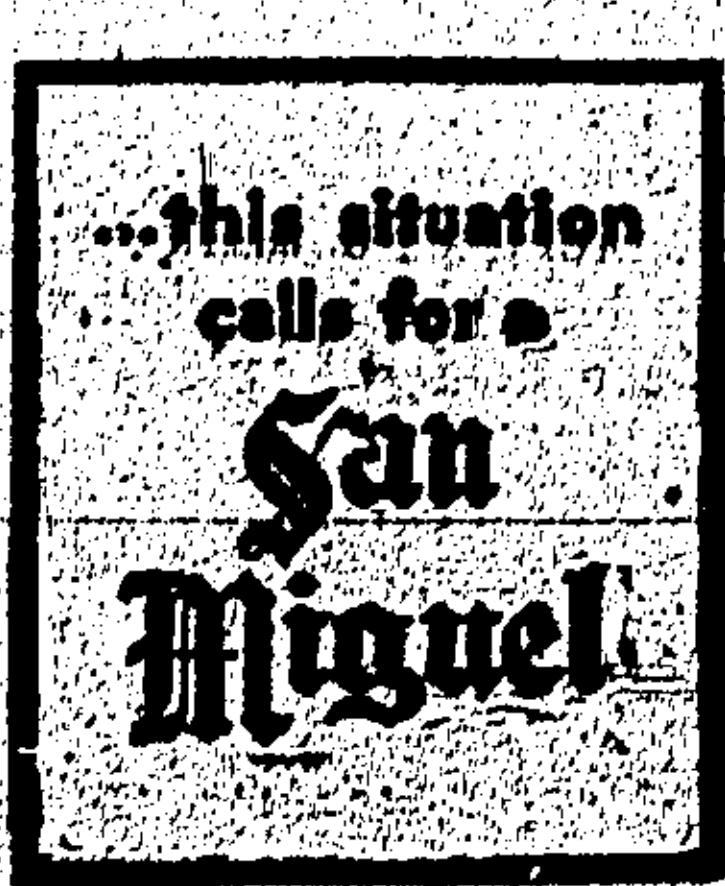
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



**BLACK
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ASSORTED
CHOCOLATES

...this situation
calls for a
**San
Miguel**

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

IMPROVED TREND OF EGYPT'S

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Mar. 31. Rail shares, steels and metals showed independent strength today when the market once again encountered resistance as it approached the bull market highs set early this month.

Rails alone of the major groups closed higher on average with industrial gains ranging to more than 2 points in Louisville and Nashville.

Industrials closed in a very narrow range, with many early wide gainers pared in late profit-taking. There were exceptions, however, notably in the steels and non-ferrous metals.

Vanadium Corp. ran up more than 2 points, Sharon Steel almost 2 points, Bethlehem, US Steel, Republic, Wheeling, Volcanic Fuel and Iron, American Steel Foundries each added around a point.

Coppers paced the metals in continued response to price increases for the metal. Magna rose more than 2 points, Kennecott and Anaconda well over a point each and Phelps Dodge nearly a point.

ISSUES TRADED

Of a total 1,190 issues traded today, there were 583 higher, 352 lower.

Trading was moderately active, totalling 2,680,000 shares compared with 3,410,000 yesterday.

Once again, Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton—one of the atom-powered issues—topped the active list. It rose 1/4 point.

The issue touched with the magic of atomic power, among the strongest in recent sessions, were among the hardest hit by realising with early wide gains just about erased in most cases.

General Dynamics held only a 1/2 rise, Bath Iron Works 1/4 point.

A few aircraft did well. Trans World Airline responded to a good earnings report with a 1 1/2 point gain.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$2,120,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 750,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were as follows:

30 Industrials 492.70
20 Rails 150.32
15 Utilities 133.57
65 Stocks 131.14
40 Bonds 99.92
Comm. futures price index 154.48

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alden Inc. Acy.	22 1/2
Allied Chemicals	91
Allis Chalmers	78 1/2
American Alcan.	50 1/2
American Metal	50 1/2
American Smelting	46 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2
American Tobacco	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	58 1/2
Armour	7 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	42 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	12 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	58 1/2
Bentley Corp.	12 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	77 1/2
Boring Airplane	25 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	25 1/2
Case J. I. Inc.	25 1/2
Chase National Bank	62 1/2
Chile Copper	25 1/2
Chrysler Motors	48 1/2
Commercial Credit	48 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	38 1/2
Consolidated Steel	22 1/2
Continental Steel	22 1/2
Corn Products	25 1/2
Cuba American Sugar	18 1/2
Curtis Wright	25 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	12 1/2
Eastman Kodak	75 1/2
General Electric	81 1/2
General Foods	81 1/2
General Motors	93 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	63 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	67 1/2
Homestead Mining Co.	37 1/2
International Business Machines	37 1/2
International Harvester	37 1/2
International Paper	88 1/2
International Tel. & Tel.	22 1/2
John-Manville Co.	111 1/2
Kennecott Copper	58 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	58 1/2
Lowell Inc.	12 1/2
Lone Star Cement Co.	87 1/2
Minnesota Mining	93 1/2
Montgomery Ward	44 1/2
National Cash Register	44 1/2
National Distillers	21 1/2
National Lead	57 1/2
National Steel	63 1/2
Norfolk Western	45 1/2
Pan American Airways	18 1/2
Paramount Pictures	75 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	66 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	66 1/2
Radio Corporation of New Jersey	23 1/2
Reo Motors	23 1/2
Republic Steel	23 1/2
Shell Oil Co.	12 1/2
Shawmut	12 1/2
Socoy Vacuum	23 1/2
Southern Railway (Com.)	23 1/2
Standard Brands	53 1/2
Standard Oil of California	78 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	78 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey	112 1/2
Stokely-Carmichael	11 1/2
Sudbaker-Packard Corp.	48 1/2
Swift & Co.	48 1/2
Texas Co.	94 1/2
Union Carbide	127 1/2
Union Pacific Railway	127 1/2
United Gas. Inc.	78 1/2
U.S. Gypsum	22 1/2
U.S. Steel	22 1/2
U.S. Rubber	44 1/2
United States Smelting	24 1/2
U.S. Steel	22 1/2
Warner Bros.	18 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	78 1/2
Woolworth	38 1/2

ECONOMY
£280m Schemes
For Developing
Production

Cairo, Mar. 31.

A moderately reassuring picture of the present economic state of Egypt has been given to shareholders of the National Bank of Egypt by the chairman of the board of directors, Aly Shamsy.

His annual report says that during the past year the national economy has been "marked by stability combined with stimulating effort," the country had been inspired with a sense of definite progress.

There is, of course, a startling difference between the situation today and that prevailing in the last months of the old regime. Then, carelessness and corruption had brought Egypt to the verge of bankruptcy. Now, by careful husbandry and sensible controls, the balance of payments has been so improved that for 1954 Aly Shamsy was able to report a small surplus. For the next six or seven years, at least, the equilibrium can probably be maintained.

A MORNING'S SHOPPING

There are still many pleasant surprises in the Cairo shops, but they come chiefly from those countries which have concluded bilateral trade agreements with Egypt—among them Belgium, France, Italy, and Switzerland. Premiums imposed on imports from these hard currencies—dollars, sterling, and marks—have effectively limited such expenditures; the result being (for the relatively few consumers able to enjoy them) an agreeably cosmopolitan selection of goods, so that in a morning you may buy perfume from France, a book from England, a typewriter from Sweden, and a pair of socks from somewhere behind the Iron Curtain. It will be an expensive morning, however.

Aly Shamsy reported that industrial prices had remained fairly stable during the year, but they are much higher than they were three years ago. Economists agree that the period of inflation which may arise from Egypt's various development schemes has not yet begun, but most things are dearer already, and some reports from the countryside speak of dissatisfaction among the fellahen over the circumstance that agrarian reform and land co-operatives have not made life much cheaper.

The pundits of the National Bank have always been noted for their realism, and Aly Shamsy did not pretend, (as seems to have become a habit in Egypt) that all was well in the best of all possible worlds. In current matters, the present cotton season was marked by irregularity and a glaucousness of foreign demand; and there was always the danger of inflation. In matters more fundamental to the Egyptian people, Aly Shamsy touched on the country's basic problem: the inability of production to keep pace with the rapidly expanding population.

DELAYING TACTICS

The Revolutionary Council has planned bold new development schemes to retard the terrible progression. The proposed high dam at Aswan will make at least a million acres productive (if it is ever built). Great sums of money are to be spent on mines, industries, roads and ports; a steel mill is to be built outside Cairo, using ore from Aswan; there is to be a big new fertilizer factory; and an intensive restoration of the decaying Egyptian State railways. But these are only delaying tactics. Even the new pace produced by the high dam will absorb only the growth of population that will occur during the period of its construction. The position of Egypt both as a society and as a power is vitally threatened by these anxieties.

The proposed development schemes are vast and will be costly. Aly Shamsy put the total at £280m, of which about half must be found in foreign currencies. Foreign aid and invest-

Malaya Rubber Revenue Up

Singapore, Mar. 31. Officials of the Malayan Customs Department were baffled last week when they found that rubber revenues which poured into their coffers in the first two months of this year were double their original estimates.

The Department estimated an average of M\$4,000,000 a month this year as rubber revenue, but it totalled M\$9,800,000 in January, and M\$9,000,000 in February. The figures also were well above last year: M\$2,850,000 for January and M\$2,700,000 for February. — France.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$287,367.30.

Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANK OF CHINA 1425 11 @ 1355

INSURANCES 770

SHIPPING 19 1/2

DOCKS, ETC. 710

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STOCK EXCHANGE
QUIETLY STEADY

Bullish Note At Yesterday's Close

By A Special Correspondent

Business on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week almost came to a standstill. The total volume of trading for the week amounted to about \$2 1/2 million or about as much as a good day's business. The market kept quietly steady, however, and a bullish note appeared towards the close of the afternoon call yesterday.

On the week there was not one good feature though perhaps the continued improvement in Hongkong Wharves requires some explanation. These shares, it will be remembered were selling around \$70 last month. When it was announced that the dividend had been passed and the company had sustained a loss of \$132,748 last year the shares slumped to \$53 1/2 and then to \$62 before they began hardening.

Buyers' offers climbed dollar by dollar from \$54 to \$59 but still no sellers have appeared. Brokers find it hard to explain the demand but they believe that a large number of shares are held at present by investors who bought when prices were at boom levels before the embargo.

They believe that these shareholders are reluctant to sell now at what would be a considerable loss and would rather hang on in the hope that the shares will rise again when the embargo is lifted.

RELUCTANT TO SELL

My belief is that we'll see some sales again when buyers offer more than \$70. Certainly I can't imagine demand carrying them much above this price until there is some clearer indication of the company's recovery.

Banks have been out of favour following the bonus issue boom but yesterday afternoon, after a sale of \$1,500 in the morning, they rose \$10.

Wheelocks which slipped slightly during the week found yesterday afternoon to \$7.20. Yesterday was the end of their financial year and the market is now beginning to speculate on the possibility of an interim dividend. This may have been a factor in their rise yesterday.

HOTELS SOUGHT

Among other what issues, Dockers are steady on the week and a fraction lower. Hotels, which lost about 20 cents during the week, came back into demand yesterday afternoon and closed at a steady \$17.10.

In the utility section there has been little change and most issues are quietly steady on the week. Star and Yumati Ferries were neglected again and there is not likely to be much interest shown in these shares until Government makes some statement of intention on the harbour tunnel proposal. It will be recalled that a British expert is at present investigating the feasibility of such a scheme. His report is not likely to be made for some months, I understand.

Rubber shares appear slightly better following the increase in the price of raw rubber in Singapore. Yesterday's opening price was 90 Straits cents a pound.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Mar. 31. England—official 278 1/2, unofficial 278 1/2, 30-day futures 278 1/2, New Zealand 278 1/2, Belgium 278 1/2, others were unchanged—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.70, Sterling notes (per £1) 15.80, Indian rupee (per 100) 13.50, Siam ticals (per 100) 27.80, Singapore (Straits) 1.80, Indo-China piastres (per 100) 8.10.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
P.O. Box 53, Queen's Building, Tel: 26631

FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
"VIETNAM" sailing Apr. 9th
"CAMBODGE" sailing May 20th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE
"MEINAM" sailing Apr. 21st
"TEIHO" sailing May 12th

World Cotton Markets

New York, Mar. 31. Cotton futures today, halting a previous two-day reaction, opened higher and remained on a gradual upgrade for the rest of the session.

Day trader realising buying, plus good-sized trade buying orders in the May-July deliveries, and abated commission house liquidation, combined to reverse the trend.

Prospects for a higher Government crop loan rate this year, suggested by the rise in the mid-March parity price, and increased producer entries under the loan programme, were additional background factors.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	82,100	740,500
July	82,000	890,500
Oct.	38,400	312,200
Dec.	31,200	234,400
March	14,800	142,900
July	3,800	22,700
Total	278,300	2,480,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.25
July	33.47
October	33.18
December	33.03
March	34.02
May	34.10
July	33.90

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.75
May	31.68
July	33.89
October	34.90
December	34.75
March	34.18
May	34.22
July	33.90

LIVERPOOL

Futures closing, American middling cotton, in pence per lb. were as follows:

May/June	30.65
July/August	30.10
September/October	29.75
December/January	29.75
February/March	29.75
April/May	29.75
June/July	29.75
August/September	29.75
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SHEAFFER'S
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Last Night's Play At Kai Tak

Here is a nice, commonplace little play which began on Broadway as 'George Washington Slept Here', arrived in England as a movie, and has now achieved full naturalisation as 'Queen Elizabeth Slept Here' of the 'Quiet Weekend' vintage.

It has pattern, Norah Fuller falls in love with a cottage in which Queen Elizabeth I is said to have slept; it is without all the usual office, presumably she has all the cash, so is able to uproot her husband and settle him in misery in the country.

'She has spent too much money, and a Colonel, like most Colonels of that type, who owns the adjoining estate, objects to having neighbours within a thousand miles. He has the power to foreclose on a mortgage but is prevented from doing so by the generous intervention of Norah's rich uncle.'

There are the side plots provided by a maid who loves well but not wisely; and Michael Fuller's romantic sister who is infatuated by an actor conventionally playing a summer season nearby, and so on.

Acting honours go to P. R. Little as Michael Fuller, who displays all the irritation of being uprooted and settled in the country; Mary Coleman plays up to him well, but somehow we are not convinced she loves the house as much as all that. Raymond, a horrible child setting upon them, speaks off with his scenes.

I am sorry now to have to point out a grave fault in casting. Michael is the ultra sophisticated type with the clipped expressions of Noel Coward with a definite Pelham Crescent accent; how come his sister has that delightful dialect of the south country? Uncle Stanley, (A. Coleman) is amusingly played, but for goodness sake get a little grey powder above the ears, a few silver streaks among the gold.

Mr. Kimber, obsessed with gravel, water, and manure, is very well played; Mrs. Douglas, a small earnest part in which we see the teeth and tweeds of the country Englishwoman is taken by Jean Smith.

The players were handicapped by the small stage which sometimes cramps them in the more hoisterous parts and if P. R. Little had not played with so much enthusiasm the play would have fallen flat. One other thing: the intervals must be cut down to a minimum otherwise the audience will sleep there.

I notice the Kai Tak players are giving this play during the Festival, and I am sure that they will have settled down by then and will come out with a good performance. They got some really hearty laughs last night and in more spacious surroundings will really 'go to town' or rather to the country.

JOHN LUFF.

2½ Inches Recorded But The Rain Is Easing Off

Two and a half inches of rain fell in the Colony up to 11 a.m. today. The greatest hourly fall (¾ inch) was recorded between 11 p.m. and midnight.

The Acting Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr. C. S. Ramagge, said this morning that the rain was easing off and conditions had started to improve.

Planes Diverted

But wet weather played havoc with schedules of civil aircraft at Kai Tak Airport this morning, when the low ceiling and poor visibility forced all flights to be diverted.

A Pan-American Airliner circled over the Colony for over two hours before heading south to Manila. Only one aircraft, the FAA flight for Tokyo, managed to take off from the airport.

4-Power Talks Preparations

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Sir Anthony Eden said that there was no reason why this method should not be applied to other international differences.

'Given time, I am hopeful that it can be used to solve the problems which are at the centre of our relationship with Russia, the problem of the future of Germany and the problem of disarmament.'

NOTHING EXCLUDED
Sir Anthony Eden said that he had told the United Nations in his address that the way to solve problems 'was to grasp definite problems and to work for their practical solution. I have followed this doctrine but the method one uses is of secondary importance. As I have said before, nothing is excluded from our minds in the way of machinery to bring about the results which we all require, and banish the spectre of war.'

Sir Anthony Eden said that in the Paris agreements on German rearmament, now ratified by Britain, France, Germany and Italy, 'we and our allies have created the unity of Western Europe... this advance in its turn makes possible the next step in our catalogue of negotiation.'

He said that the stability and common purpose now reached in the West provided 'the essential basis on which we can seek an understanding with the East.'—Reuter.

BIG LUXURY LINER ARRIVES IN HONGKONG

On her Great World Dollar-earning Cruise of 1955, RMS Caronia, 34,000-ton luxury liner, docked at Kowloon Wharf early this morning after an easy passage from Singapore.

This handsome liner, built in 1948, is on her second world cruise carrying 420 passengers. A round-the-world ticket costs anything from \$3,000 to \$32,000, the price of the luxury suites—and they are the last word in luxury, too. They contain a bedroom, sitting room, bathroom, kitchenette with fridge and a small entrance hall.

The cruise is expected to last 108 days in all. The liner has already visited such ports as Capetown, Ball, Madras and Manila. This is her first visit to Hongkong but she is scheduled to come here next year. Her next port-of-call is Okinawa.

The ship is all one class on this cruise. She has two dining rooms, Balmoral and Sandringham, which are beautifully upholstered in green.

The lounge which contains a large dance floor and a grand piano has french windows all round. One of the many special 'extras' is the theatre which has seating for about 200. Here passengers can see film shows every night. Live acts have also been shown at Balmoral passengers saw the famous Indian War Dance, put on by local entertainers.

Although the Caronia has only a small swimming pool, her decks are spacious. She is air-conditioned throughout with her own special dehumidifier. On entering the lounge the first thing that catches your eye is the lovely portrait of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, an original full-length by E. J. Halliday which was bought to commemorate the launching of the ship in 1948.

The Caronia was originally built for cruising, but as many of the tourist ports had not yet been re-opened, she was put on the Atlantic run from Southampton to New York, until 1950 when she made her first trip to Africa.

Each passenger keeps a log of the journey. The greatest excitement so far was between Madras and Singapore when the Caronia came across five Chinese Malays marooned in a small sampan. They had been without food for six days and water for two.

The ship stopped to pick them up. They were found to be in a state of exhaustion and were sent to the ship's hospital.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



'They must have been over to visit his folks again—you can tell they're mad!'

Four-Point Expansion Plan Announced For Tung Wah Hospital

A four-point programme of expansion and improvement was outlined this morning by Mr. K. C. Fung, Chairman of the Tung Wah group of hospitals at the inauguration ceremony of new directors.

The aim during the year now beginning would be to start construction of two additional wings to the Tung Wah Hospital; improve the Shaukwan No. 2 Free School; obtain expert advice of the 'best way' of replacing the existing Kwong Wah Hospital in Kowloon; improve the administration of the hospitals.

Referring to the Tung Wah group of hospitals, Mr. Fung declared: 'We shall continue to establish a constructive accounting system as initiated by our predecessors. We shall seek higher efficiency among the working staff, a more consolidated organisation and a better personnel system.'

Our workers should be trained to perform their duties efficiently and to adopt a proper attitude towards our patients and those who come to seek relief. The assessment of the Hospital assets now in progress may continue to augment the revenues of the Charity Section.

WORKERS' WELFARE
The welfare of our workers should not be overlooked either. For charity should start at home and it is only when our Hospital workers begin to see their welfare being well taken care of that they will render their best services.

From all these, we can sum up our aim, that is, to devise an efficient administrative machine that will make possible the full utilisation of every manual and monetary resource of the Hospitals for the sake of worthy charitable causes.

Heroin Was For His 'Stomach Disorder'

A young shoemaker who was arrested in possession of nine small packets of heroin powder told Mr. J. R. Durling at Central this morning he had been advised by a friend the powder was good for the treatment of diarrhoea, from which he was suffering.

'That sounds like complete nonsense,' declared the Magistrate, and sentenced the shoemaker, Mak Kwok, 24, to one month's imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Young Man's Appeal Dismissed

A plea that his aged father in Shanghai had repeatedly requested him to return home and had in fact applied for a re-entry permit on his behalf was among the grounds advanced by Wong Ah-how, a young Shanghai Chinese, before Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Appeal Court this morning against his sentence of six months' hard labour for simple larceny.

Wong, alias Cheng Wing-ching, alias Yeung Shung-shan, alias Chang Fon-chang, alias Fong Lam-kwong, alias, Chang Fui, alias Fan Sun, also pleaded that before his conviction he had been engaged and 'this unhappy event has very much aggravated my finances.'

He further stated he did not speak Cantonese well and he did not understand the dialect fully when he appeared in Court.

He declared his conviction was a mistake and denied having stolen a pullover. Mr Justice Wicks pointed out that appellant had pleaded guilty before the Magistrate. Furthermore the appeal was one against sentence and not against conviction.

Dismissing the appeal, His Lordship observed that appellant had a very bad record dating back to 1932.

'You had ample opportunity to return to Shanghai, but it seems you have repeatedly returned to Hongkong to commit criminal offences. I think the Magistrate dealt with you very mercifully,' he added.

Two Brothers Fined \$200 Illegal Disposal Of Shotgun Charge

Two brothers were fined \$200 each by Mr T. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning for the illegal disposal of a shotgun. The eldest of the two, Lam Tung-chuen, 30, Portland Street, second floor, who is the holder of an arms licence for the weapon, was summoned for disposing of the shotgun without obtaining previous permission from the Police—thereby violating one of the conditions of the licence.

Insp. J. Currie, prosecuting, told the Court that Lam Tung-chuen, applied to the Commissioner of Police for the transfer of the gun to his younger brother, Lam Bo-chuen, but before it was granted he gave the weapon to his brother.

On March 8, Insp. Currie went on the Police searched the ground floor of 101, Parkes Street—the home of the younger brother—and found the shotgun locked in a wardrobe.

The younger brother was summoned for possession of the shotgun without a licence. Lam Tung-chuen told the Court that he wished to transfer the gun to his brother as he 'had no time for hunting.' In mitigation he said that an application for the transfer had already been made.

Lam Bo-chuen explained that he was 'ignorant of the procedure' and thought that he was supposed to be in possession of the gun when the Police investigated his qualifications for holding a licence.

Insp. Currie said that he was not asking for the confiscation of the weapon and said that the renewal of the licence would be considered when the time came.

Tenders invited
Tenders are invited for site formation for resettlement flats at Sheung Li Uk (Phase One). It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

Only contractors on the P.W.D. list of approved contractors in Groups 2 to 6 will be permitted to tender.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN APPEAL AGAINST FORFEITURE ORDER

An appeal against a Magistrate's order for the forfeiture of 39 bales and 1,560 packages of spun yarn was brought by Ko Ling-pok before Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Appeal Court this morning. Judgment was reserved.

In November last year, Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central fined Siou Siu-chow, an employee of Ko's, \$2,000 for four months' hard labour when he found the man guilty of applying a false trade description, namely, 'Made in France,' to bales and packages of spun yarn of Japanese origin. The Magistrate also ordered forfeiture of the goods seized at 420 Queen's Road West ground floor, on November 17.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr R. E. Moore, of Messrs Deacons, represented appellant, and Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, appeared for the respondent, Revenue Insp. A. L. Tokley.

Mr Bernacchi said the appeal was brought by Ko as the party aggrieved. The Crown did not deny that Ko was the owner of the goods.

Counsel said that if the Magistrate had a discretion in the matter he had exercised it in favour of forfeiture of the goods. Counsel intimated he would concentrate his arguments on saying that the 'Made in France' Ordinance did not create any right to confiscate goods which were not the goods of the defendant before the Court. Confiscation in the present case, he submitted, was a penalty in personam and not a right to forfeiture in rem.

MEANING OF WORDS
In reply Mr Hobley agreed that the forfeiture clause should be strictly construed, and that it was not for the Court to legislate on matters of any kind. He directed his argument towards the meaning of the words in the section of the Ordinance on which the appeal was based.

He said he did not dispute the general principles but submitted that the words 'any person guilty of an offence' did not mean 'any person who is found guilty of an offence.' It was his submission that the forfeiture provision applied whether the person guilty of the offence was before the Court or not.

What the Court had to enquire into was whether the owner of the goods was guilty of an offence. It was Crown Counsel's case that the appellant knew what was going on, and his cross-examination of the appellant in the lower court proceedings was directed towards showing the responsibility of the appellant to what was being done with the goods.

Counsel said he had tried to show the appellant had caused the false labels to be applied and he was therefore guilty of an offence. He added that at the time the goods were seized the Prosecution was not aware the appellant was the owner of the goods.

Mr Hobley submitted that appellant was guilty of an offence, whether or not he had been prosecuted. He further submitted that there was sufficient evidence in the Magistrate's depositions or the Court to come to such a finding.

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Government Appointments Gazetted

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has approved the appointment of Mr T. N. Leigh-Bennett to be Trade Officer, Mr Leigh-Bennett arrived in the Colony on March 18, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were Mr W. R. Shipway, Station Officer of the Fire Brigade, to be Acting Divisional Officer during the absence of Mr Seymour Mr R. S. Rosen, Chief Officer of Prisons Department, to be Acting Superintendent of Prisons, Mr G. T. Blumenthal, Mr D. H. Knox, Senior Revenue Inspector, to be Acting Chief Preventive Officer, vice Mr Colledge; Mr L. C. Millington, Senior Revenue Inspector, to be Acting Deputy Chief Preventive Officer, vice Mr G. T. Blumenthal; Mr G. T. Blumenthal, to be Acting Commissioner of the Essential Services Corps, vice Mr Clark; Mr J. Alexander, to be Acting Chief Engineer, P.W.D., during the absence of Mr Forsyth; Mr M. E. Purvis to be Acting Health Inspector, vice Mr Blumenthal.

It was notified that Mr J. J. Robson, Engineer of the Public Works Department, has ceased to act as Chief Engineer on proceeding on leave.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr W. W. Barr to be Secretary to the Urban Council, vice Mr T. S. D. Whitley, it was announced.

On the recommendation of the Director of Medical and Health Services, Mr Cheng Man-sang has been appointed by the District Commissioner of the New Territories, to be a Food Officer for the purpose of the New Territories Rules, it was announced.

It was also announced that Mr V. F. Clarke, Esq., to be Assistant Director of Manpower as from March 28th.

BOYS ABOARD
Four boys aboard from the new training ship at Tung Tan Wan at 6.30 this morning. The Commissioner of Prisons, Mr C. J. Noyes, and two boys were received by Mr. G. R. Tappin, Superintendent of Prisons, and the others were rounded up later by the Chief Warden.

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